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Die internationale Editionsreihe des Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium (CSCO) hat einen neuen Herausgeber für die äthiopische Sektion. Das CSCO wurde 1903 begründet und veröffentlicht seitdem wichtige Werke des Christlichen Orients, darunter syrische, koptische, arabische,

armenische, georgische und äthiopische, bisher ca. 600 Bände. Diese bieten jeweils eine Edition des Originaltextes und eine Übersetzung.

Ohne die äthiopische Reihe wäre die philologische Forschung in der Äthiopistik undenkbar, sie gehört daher zur Grundausrüstung jeder Bibliothek unseres Faches.

Unter den Sektions-Herausgebern finden sich herausragende Fachvertreter wie beispielsweise Ignazio Guidi und Enrico Cerulli. Bis zu seinem Tode hat zuletzt Lanfranco Ricci die Verantwortung für die Ausgaben für unser Fach getragen.

Nun wurde Alessandro Bausi diese Verantwortung übertragen. Zu dieser ehrenvollen Aufgabe ist ihm zu gratulieren und zugleich zu wünschen, dass unter seiner Ägide die äthiopische Philologie einen neuen Aufschwung erfährt.

In memoriam Alan S. Kaye (1944–2007)

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On May 31, 2007, I lost a friend. And we all lost a great colleague. His name was Alan S. Kaye, and he was professor of linguistics at California State University in Fullerton (or Cal State Fullerton, or still CSUF, if you want). He was just 63.

I was expecting to meet him in Udine at the 13th Italian Meeting of Afroasiatic Linguistics, May 21–25. In the past few months he had written me a few times: he was planning to take the opportunity of attending Udine's Meeting to visit, once more, Italy, and had asked me about hotels and train schedules, all the way from the North to Rome and the South.

When I did not see him in Udine I inquired around and was told he was ill, seriously ill. Still, I could not foresee his sudden death.

Actually, Alan had been diagnosed with bone cancer already on May 1 in the United Arab Emirates, where he was on a two-year leave teaching and doing research at al-Ain University. His 28-year-old son, Jeremy traveled to the Emirates, where Kaye was already undergoing therapy, and brought him back home to Fullerton on May 22. While chemotherapy did help Alan a lot, it also left him open to infection, and he got pneumonia, which proved to be fatal.

I had been working a lot with Alan along the years: in 1992/93 we wrote together "Early East African Pidgin Arabic", which was published in the special volume of *Sprache und Geschichte in Afrika*, "Arabs and Arabic in the Lake Chad Region" edited by Jonathan Owens (Kaye – Tosco 1993).